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Public Review Period Begins for Allied Waste Industries, Inc.

The Air District has made a preliminary decision to grant a Title V permit to Allied Waste Industries Inc., located at 901 Bailey Road in Pittsburg. Allied Waste Industries operates the Keller Canyon solid waste landfill. This begins a 30-day public review period that will end on March 26, 2001. During this time, any member of the public may comment on any aspect of the proposed permit. A public hearing may also be scheduled. "We want to encourage members of the public to contact us to obtain a copy of the permit, and other information related to the facility," said Ellen Garvey, the Air District's Executive Officer.

What is Title V?

Title V is a requirement of the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act, which requires all state and local governments to develop and implement operating permits for all major pollution emitting facilities. The EPA oversees these permit programs and the Air District is charged with implementing them in the Bay Area, in accordance with Federal guidelines. Title V is intended to clarify the complex air quality permitting process by consolidating the multitude of federal, state, tribal, and local air pollution control regulations into one summary operating permit that covers all aspects of a facility's year-to-year air pollution activities. The Title V operating permit program is implemented under Air District Regulation 2, Rule 6. The Air District has administered an permit program for over twenty-five years. This permit is not new. It represents an integration of the existing permit program with Title V requirements.

Public comment is important to the Title V process. A final decision will incorporate consideration of public comments on the preliminary issuance.

Copies of the proposed permit and a copy of Air District regulations are available on the District's website at www.baaqmd.gov. To obtain a hard copy of the permit, call the District's Public Information Office at (415) 749-4900 or make a written request to:

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Att: Title V Permit Request
939 Ellis Street
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